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Letter dated 29 June 2007 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

In connection with Security Council resolution 1701 (2006), I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a copy of the letter dated 25 June 2007 addressed to me by the Prime Minister of the Lebanese Republic, Fouad Siniora, requesting an extension of the mandate of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon beyond 31 August 2007, for a period of one year (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon

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Annex

Letter dated 25 June 2007 from the Prime Minister of Lebanon to the Secretary-General

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I write with reference to paragraph 16 of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006), and in view of the expiry of the term of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) on 31 August 2007. I would like to convey to you the decision of the Council of Ministers on 25 June to request the extension of the said term for an additional period of one year ending on 31 August 2008, in conformity with the mandate of UNIFIL as stipulated in paragraph 11 of resolution 1701 (2006), and without amendment. The Lebanese Government is satisfied with the activity of UNIFIL and the level of cooperation with the Lebanese armed forces and looks forward to the continuation of its mandate in pursuit of peace and stability. I seize this opportunity to salute the commander, officers and soldiers of UNIFIL and their devotion to their task, and also to reiterate our thanks and appreciation to the contributing countries and their Governments for standing beside us at this important juncture in reaffirming the role of the Lebanese State and the prevalence of its sole authority over the whole of its territory.

I look forward to the favourable decision by the Security Council for the required extension at the end of August.

(*Signed*) Fouad **Siniora**